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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the Patent Examiner dated July 13, 2004, finally rejecting claims 2-4, 7-27 and 35-43 of the above-identified patent application.

Our check in the amount of \$340.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 41.20(b)(1) is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 56066(45858). A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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